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The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460  
Via regulations.gov docket submittal

Re: Comments on EPA's "Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review," 86 Fed. Reg. 63,110 (Nov. 15, 2021), Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317

Dear Administrator Regan:

On behalf of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), I am providing the enclosed comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review.

The State of New Mexico strongly supports the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed revisions to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS), which currently regulate volatile organic compounds (VOC) and methane emissions from new, reconstructed, and modified sources in the oil and natural gas industry. If finalized, the proposed revisions will significantly improve air quality and public health throughout the U.S., including New Mexico. The proposed revisions will help address the climate crisis and will advance states' efforts to meet greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Finally, the proposed revisions would also create a consistent and level playing field across production basins that span states, like the San Juan Basin, which crosses Colorado and New Mexico, and the Permian Basin, which crosses Texas and New Mexico.

If EPA has any questions regarding NMED's comments, you and your staff are welcome to contact me at [Sandra.ely@state.nm.us](mailto:Sandra.ely@state.nm.us) or (505) 827-2820.

Sincerely,

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